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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
Application Serial No. 10/815,791  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Application No.: 10/815,791	)	Examiner: Mark EASHOO
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For: DISPOSABLE FOOD CONTACT	)	Confirmation No.: 9925
COMPATIBLE MICROWAVABLE	)	
CONTAINERS HAVING AT LEAST	)	
ONE MICRONODULAR SURFACE	)	
AND PROCESS FOR THEIR	)	
MANUFACTURE	)	

**APPENDIX A**  
**Clean Version of Amended Claim 96**

Claim 96: A process for the manufacture of a microwaveable, food contact compatible, disposable, rigid and strong container exhibiting:

- (a) a micronodular surface on at least one side of the container; and
- (b) a melting point of no less than about 250°F;

said container being dimensionally stable and resistant to grease, sugar, and water at temperatures up to at least about 220°F and of sufficient toughness to be resistant to cutting by serrated polystyrene flatware, the process comprising thermoforming at least one extruded sheet comprising an admixture of platy inorganic material and polyolefin, wherein the thermoforming is conducted at a temperature of at least about 265°F and results in the micronodular surface on at least one side of the container.